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POSTMASTER GENERAL, CEO



The Honorable Walt Minnick
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-1201

Dear Congressman Minnick:

Thank you for your letter regarding the air contract with Arnold Aviation for the delivery of the mail into the Frank Church wilderness area. As you know, the Postal Service is experiencing serious financial difficulties and we are expecting to lose \$6 billion by the end of this fiscal year. That is why we have been examining all contracts nationwide to reduce our expenditures.

In reviewing the contract for mail delivery to the customers in the Frank Church Wilderness area, we determined that we were spending \$46,000 for mail service to approximately 20 families. We considered other alternatives, including surface routes, and determined that none would provide acceptable service levels to us or our customers.

Therefore, I have decided that in view of the obligation to provide service to the American public, this contract should continue in its present form. I appreciate the concern you expressed for your constituents and I am pleased that you brought this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "John E. Potter".

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